Advancing Tendency More Consistent and Uninterrupted Than for Many Days.

CLOSING WAS VERY STRONG

Market Entirely Free From Pressure of Liquidation-Money Offered in Abundance.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The nervous tremora which have afflicted the stock market all through the week were quieted to-day; the advancing tendency, which bas been in evidence practically ever since the downward course, was arrested on Tuesday, was more consistent and unnterrupted than at any previous time on the recovery, and the day's gains were held with comparative firmness. The market was entirely free from any pressure of liquidation, so that the small buying was effective in lifting prices and the supply of stocks was so scanty as to enable headers to advance the asking prices with effective and the scanty as to enable headers to advance the asking the state of the second enable headers to advance the selling price. Price with effect on the selling price. The United States Steel stocks were in continued large demand, and were helped by the report of the placing of a large order for steel ralls for Pennsylvania. The Increase in the Louisville and Nashville dividend radiated a sympathetic effect amongst its affiliated properties and the whole Southern group. Reports of a definite adjustment of the Gouid-Pennsylvania, troubles met with some disclaimers, but the impression was allowed that the seriousness of the dispute had been exaggerated. The outgoing gold movement was practically isnored, as money was offered in abundance and at lower interest rates. The continued influx of currency from the interior promises largely to offset the week's drain of gold exports and on other accounts. Late in the day the perception of the freedom from pressure on the market led to a lively bidding up, of prices throughout and the closing was very strong at the top level. Gains of to 3 points are frequently amongst the leading stocks. with effect on the selling price,

leading stocks.

Donds were strong; total sales, par value, \$4,125,000.

United States bonds were unchanged on call. The total sales stocks to-day amounted to 915,800 shares.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE-

MONEY AND EXCHANGE—CLOSE:
Money on call, steady, 11-262 per cent;
closing bid, and offered 2. Time loans,
casy: 60 days and 29 days, 3631-2; six
months, 31-2632-4.

Prime mercantile paper, 41-4643-4.
Sterling exchange, firm, with actual business in bankers' bills, at \$45,1528457.20
for demand and at \$484.5644546 for 69
Bar silver, 60 7-82E|lel,thh& mf wywpyffor
days bills. Posted rates, \$45501-2 and
\$4571-2. Commercial bills, \$451-473-8.
Bar silver, 69 7-8. Mexican dollars, 48 1-4.

### RICHMOND STOCK MARKET. /

Richmond, Va., Dec. 15, 1904 Virginia Centuries—1,600 at 98%. Virginia—Carollina Chemical Co. common—10 hares at 41%.

STATE SECURITIES. Bid. Asked. North Carolina 4s, C., 1910. 1023.
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RAILROAD HONDS.
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Georgia and Ala. Con. 5s, 1945. 112
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Rich. and Mock. 1st 4s, 1948. 187
Plorida Rock. 1st 4s, 1948. 187
National Const. 1st 8s, 1950. 188
RAILROAD STOCKS. Par.
Atlanta and Charlotte. 100 170
Atlanta Const. Line 164. 100 119
Atlanta Const. Line com. 100 155
Chesapeake and Obio. 100 47
Noriolk and Western com. 100 175
Senboard Air Line pfd. 100 193
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Senboard Air Line pfd. 100 193
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Union Han kof Richmond. 100 170
American National. 100 173
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Plank Car. Chem. pfd. 100 101
Va.-Car. Chem. pfd. 8p. c. 100 111
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BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET, BALTIMORE, MD. Dec. 16.—Scabbard An Line common, 174,2014; do. preferred, Masked, Atlantic Coast Line common, 1534/1631;

### COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The cotton market pened steady at a decline of 274 points a suponse to the lower capies which reported a canne of some 749 points on utures and of manuta on 8001 Cotton. The arra sales of NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The cotton market; opened steady at a decline of 23% points in response to the lower capies which reported a decline of some 13% points on utures and of 9 points on spot cotton. The arge sales of spots reported the decline of some 13% points on utures and of 9 points on spot cotton. The arge sales of the spots reported at the decline served to infact the bearish offect of the lower prices and the market at the opening was standed by down the point of the lower prices and the spot cotton was the spot of the opening figures during the first few minutes. But generally speaking, sentiment was bearish on reports that spot cotion was weakening and a populations that a bearshginners. Poport would be issued next week, while it was also said that certain local bears were looking for stop loss orders on the long side. few points bell with previous low level of 7,50 for January.

And in palte of covering through commes on houses for over Sunday prices worked down and in palte of covering through commes on houses for over Sunday prices worked down during the morning to a net decine of about 55% points. Around indeday the market was railled sightly by the covering of early sollers and advanced to about the opening figures after which it eased off a little, being finally steady at a decline of 35% points. Sales were stimated at 15,000 bales.

The official was sensitly lower quotations, put the tone was generally steady, and it did not seen that there was much solling pressure. Receipts at the ports to-day were 47,578 laies against 68,611 last week and 55,917 last year. For the week 330,000 bales against 38,467 last week and 130,633 last year. To-day's receipts in New Orleans were 10,351 bales against 11,400 last year.

Cotton futures opened steady and closed

	Open	High.	Low.	Close.
December	7.61	7.53	7.47	7.50
	7.57	7.60		F.50
February	7,60	7.65	7.63	7.63
March	7.74	7.78	7.70	7.74
April	7.82	7.83	7.80	7.80
May	7.83	7.89	7.84	7.26
June	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.91
July	7.98	. 7.99	7.93	7.96
August	7.99	7.99	7.94	7.96
October	****** ** **		911	7.90
Spot cotton	closed, 5	points	lower; n	iddling

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# **PRIVATE WIRES TO**

### OFFICIAL RANGE AND SALE OF STOCKS IN NEW YORK

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1160 A, C L., com	16114	1630	1511/4	Bid. A 163	16914	10200 Missouri Pacific	10054	07%	10614	1071/4	
400 Amer. Grass Twine	1114	1114	1114	111/4	1154		T. C. T. S. C. L.		144%	144	145
10900 Amalgamated Copper	6514	6814	6516	68		10000 New York Central	NEW WAY A STREET		13614	13414	1343
3100 Amer, Car and Foundry.	8114	83	3114	3274	33	7200 Nofiolk and Western	7814	7876	7934	78%	787
40 Amre Cotton Off	85	2674	35	3514	36	3300 N. Y., Ont, and West	4356	44	43%	4376	44
Amer. Tob., 4 p. c. ctfs		71%	7114	711/4	7136		4214	45	421/6	4414	441
2500 Amer 'Tob., pfd		9314	92	93	9314			361/4	135	186%	1264
0000 Amer. Can, pfd	5914	61%	68%	6114	6114				100	106%	1067
2500 Amer. Locomotive, com	81%	32%	81%	32%	3274	100 Presed Steel Car		89	38	38%	891
500 Amer. Locomotive, pfd	102	10214	102	102	10234	800 Pressed Steel Car, pfd		90	89%	99	907
2700 Amer. Eugar	12974	14156	13934	11114	14114			15%	1614	151/2	15%
0700 A., T. and S. Fe. com	83%	85	8354	85	8514		68	68	68	6714	68
790 A., T. and S. Fe, pfd	10214	10234	102	1021/4	10234	39200 Reading, com	7814	79	7814	7874	79
2900 Haltimore and Ohio	101	100%	100	10054	100%		90	PO14	90	89	901
8700 Brooklyn Rapid Transit	ten	60	6884	6974	60	Reading, 2d pfd		Principle of		8114	82
Canada Southern			Process of the	71		12100 Rock Island, com		8234	3174	82%	325
5100 Canadian Pacific		13014	12914	13014	13034	Doe Rock Island, pfd	Strategy of the Contract of th	84	831/4	83	84
\$200 Chesapeake and Ohlo	17	481/4	47	4814	4814	200 Bloss		60%	60	80%	GL
6:00 Chl. Great Western	2296	22%	22%	2234	2214	Sloss, pfd		BEING BER	19.57	100	104
71900 Chi., Mil. and S. P	10784	160%	10734	16914	16956	200 S. L. and S. F., 2d pfd	66	6714	6514	67	675
0200 Colo. Fuel and Iron	4414	46%	4376	45%	4514	1800 S. L. and Southwest., pfd	December 1	6744	56%	67	664
2600 Colo, Southern, com	2114	23	21	2254	2276	16500 Southern Pacific	6114	6274	61c	6234	63
400 Colo. Southern, 1st pfd	5714	58	6714	671/4	6814	25200 oSuthern Rallway, com		251/4	341/4	351/4	351
700 Cloo. Southern, 2d pfd		34%	31	341/4	35	1100 Southern Rallway, pfd		9614	94	9614	961
700 Clev. Cin., Chl. and S. L.,	00	9014	89	9054	0014	700 Seaboair Air Line, com		1746	16%	1754	174
2500 Cont. Tob., pfd	19714	127%	12714	12534	1281/4	500 Seaboard Air Line, pfd		3674	3054	3614	87
2100 Consolidated Gas	200	203	20156	2011/4		12700 Tenn, Coal and Iron		711/4	69	7114	72
1200 Delaware and Hudson	195	186	185	18514	186	500 Texas Pacific		34%	3414	3114	349
100 Del., Lack, and West	225	835	335	338					10814	110	1104
8100 Erie, com	8614	36%	3614	3614		61500 United States Leather		1714	1614	161/4	165
200 Erie, 1st pfd	741/	741/6	74	741/4		\$5200 United States Steel	28	2014	28	2914	291
fe0 Erie, 2d pfd	5514	55%	6514	5514		111500 United States Steel, pfd		21%	8914	911/4	911/
10) General Electric	19914	1841/4	18314	18434	18494	800 VaCar, Chemical, com		4134	401/4	4136	42
7500 Illinois Central	153	154%	163	1541/4	15434			TOTAL STATE	The state of	112	113
4500 Louisville and Nashville.	1293/	14136	13954	14034	14034	500 Wahash, com		22	2114	2114	221
1000 Mannattan	102		163	16314	16314	2400 Wabash, pfd	4214	43%	4234	4814	43%
2900 Metro. Street Railway	12014	121	120	12014	120%	8400 Western Union		9414	93	931/4	934
9500 Mexican Central	211/	21%	2114	2114	2164	500 Wisconsin Central	21.7 (2.7) (3.7) (4.7)	211/2	2114	21	215
4100 Mo., Kan, and Tex., com.,	30	3054	30	30%	3074			4514	44	44	44%
6900 Mo., Kan, and Tex., pfd.,	621/	6354	6214	63	64	Total sales \$14,500 shares.	Be to constitute	100 Marie 1870		(W)	

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### Other Produce Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—FLOUR—Quiet, but teady. Rye Flour—Steady. Buckwhoat Flour— low. Cornmeal—Steady. Rye—Nominal. Barsteady. Rye Flour-Steady. Buckwhoat Flour-Slow. Cornmeal-Steady. Rye-Nominal. Bartley-Easy: mailing. 446plc.
Wheat-Irrogular: No. 2 red, nominal. Options parily 16c. net higher. May closed at 11.124; July, 11.634; December, 31.174. Corn-Firm; No. 2 6c. asked. Opt.ons 48 kg. net higher. May closed at 61/kc.; December, 55/4c. Onto-Dull: mixed, 344/gadyic.—Steady. Tallow-Firm, Roelin-Dull. Turpentine-Firm at 513614c. Conce-East Rio, firm. The market Ical

The leading futures ranged as follows: Open, High. Low. Close. Open, VIIIEAT—No. 7. 11.05 1.074 1.075 1.075 1.10 1.074 1.075 1.10 1.074 1.075 1.114 1.104 1.114

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# RICHMOND GRAIN MARKET.

QUOTATIONS.			-990
WHEAT— Longberry (car lots)	1,18	8	111
Va. bag lots (new)	50 52 50	400	55555
OATS— No. 2 mixed (car lots). No. 3 mixed (car lots). No. 2 white (car lots). Winter seed. RYE	34 84 3514 45 60	535 ASH	E/ 8

CATTLE MARKETS,
RICHMOND LIVE STOCK MARKET.
(Sules at Union Stock Yards.)
Richmond, Va., Dec. 16, 1904. Hichmond, Va., Dec. 16, 1904.
There was a fair run of cattle on the market. No really fat steem on the market. Ext a good fat steers, weighing 1,250 to 1,450 pounds would have brought bigothe; medium to good steers, 44,50%; common to fair, 34,53%; best helfers, 45,50; others, 35,73%; bulk, 24,57%; ci dry, 25,7%; old, poor pows, 160,5%; Light run of hogs. Bast, 4% \$6.90c.; rough hogs. 1240c. of sheep and lambs. Fat sheep. 1240 itse.; common, 3934c.; best jambs, 64c.; others, 555.4. best jambs, 64c.; others, 64c.; o

PRINCIPAL MARKETS.

CHICAGO, ILIL., Doc. 16.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,600 head. Market steady. Good the prime steers, 1897.00; poor to medium, 1876 to 16. for stockers and feeders, 22.1094.15; cove, 516. for interest, 1796.00; conners, 1927.80; bulls, 1676.00; calves, 23.5097.00. Hogs—Receipts, 81,2574.00; calves, 23.5097.00. Hogs—Receipts, 81,2574.00; calves, 23.5097.00. Hogs—Receipts, 81,2574.00; poor to choice, heavy, 11.574.94.61/hi

### MISCELLANEOUS MARRETA

DRY GOODS MARKET.

### MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF RICHMOND, DEC. 16, 1994.

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Steamer Berkeley, Shelly, Norfolk, merchan
dise and passengers, Old Dominion line. SAILED.

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PORT OF WEST POINT, DEC. 16, 1904. ARRIVED. Baltimore, Coutrney, Baltimore, passengers and general Coutrney, Baltimore, passengers and general cargo,

PORT NEWPORT NEWS, DEC. 15, 1904. SAILED. Schooner L. I. Sirnague, Lynn. Barge Florida, Froyidence.

### L. AND N. DIVIDEND.

### Increase Is First to be Made by Big Railroads.

Big Railroads.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The action of the Board of Directors of Louisville and Nashville, in declaring a dividend of 3 per cent, payable February 10, 1908, to stock of record January 23, places the stock of record January 24, places the stock of record January 25, places the stock of record January 26, places the stock of a six per cent, basis. Although the board may pay the 3 per cent. on February 10th, and at the next semi-annual announcement terrate to the original 31-2 per cent. Because of the excellent showing as to earnings, however, the stability of the new basis seems established, Louisville and Nashville is the first of the big railroads to increase its dividend rate. That the increase its dividend rate. That the first of the big railroads to inspect the first of the big railroads to increase its dividend rate. That the first of the payable stock. In the four months ending October 3ist, it increased its net carnings by 485,299, or at the rate of 2.3 per cent., for the year.

There has been some economy on the lines to accomplish this result so far this year. Maintenance is not so heavy as last year, The road appears to have cut out some of the extraordinary maintenance obarges of previous years, The declaration of this dividend therefore came, as it were at the time when it, road might naturally be supposed to the give its stockholders the benefit of their wall, while the hig expenses were being at No. 71 Broadway.

Prince Radziwill Dead.

Line people are the big stockholders. About \$31,000,000 stock rests in the Atlantic Coast Line treasury, or is rather on deposit with the trustee of the Atlantic Coast Line collaterals. How much of the remaining \$20,000,000 is owned by A. C. L. people no one will say, but certainly the outside public will not participate in the dividend to anything near the same amount that it would have in 1902. In that year, is will be remerber-ed, large outside interests pointed out in ed, large outside interests pointed out in circulars and interviews that the Atlantio Coast Line, investment was unprofitable so long as Louisville and Nashville paid only 5 per cent. To this the Atlantic Coast Line people replied that they were making money out of the railroad connection. Thereafter Louisville and Nashville declined about 30 points in the Wall Street Market. The stocks were bought by various people. No admission has ever been made by the so-called "Walters crowd," or by Morgan Interests that they bought stock, but undoubtedly the great majority of the stock of the Louisville and Nashville is now in the hands of the Atlantic Coast Line and the inside party.

### BANK CLEARINGS.

Report of Bradstreet's for Week Ending December 15th.

Ending December 15th.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK Dec. 16.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at a number of principal cities for the week ending December 15th, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year. Sixty-three other cities are included in the totals:

New York, \$2.189,031,770; increase, 13.5.

Boston, \$161,663,312; increase, 19.7.

Philadelphia, \$130,859,972; increase, 15.8.

St. Louis, \$61,255,583; increase, 19.7.

Philadelphia, \$130,859,972; increase, 12.6.

Cinclinati, \$150,655; increase, 12.6.

Cinclinati, \$26,631,862; increase, 12.6.

Cinclinati, \$26,632,100; increase, 8.8.

New Orleans, \$24,945,188; increase, 8.8.

Remphis, \$37,99,814; decrease, 6.2.

Richmond, \$4,622,108; increase, 8.8.

Savannan, \$4,69,241; decrease, 9.3.

Fort Worth, \$4,969,975.

Atlanta, \$4,017,390; increase, 4.9.

Augusta, Ga, \$1,899,890; increase, 2.7.

Birmingham, \$1,425,511; increase, 1.8.

Nanoville, \$1,219,920; increase, 1.8.

Louisville, \$1,219,920; increase, 1.8.

Louis

Charleston, S. C., \$1,101,000, Georges, 12.2.

Total United States, \$3,175,931,378; increase, 49.5.
Outside New York, \$986,899,608; increase, 13.9.

Totals Canada, \$65,481,194; increase, 21.3.

# FIGHTING UNION, BUT

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HAS BIG BUSINESS

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., December 16.—
The authorization of the regular quarterly dividend of 1% per cent, on the preferred stock of the Sloss-Sheffleid Steel and Iron Company is addition. Il proof of the stability of the Southern iron and steel market, Although the company is still waging determined war upon the miners' union and is standing for open shop, it is rapidly bringing its coal output back to normal.

Through liberal treatment of its non-union miners, the company is getting excellent results from its force, and is overcoming rapidly the handloap of an insufficient coal output in an era of big new business.

The company has sold its pig iron

# OUT MUCH LONGER

Japanese Said to be Depressed at Unsuccessful Sacrifice of Lives.

### 12,000 LOST AT METRE HILL

Steamers Laden With Ammunition and Provisions Run . Blockade.

(By Associated Press.) CHE FOO, December 16-5 P. M.-Sevon Russians in civilian garb, but a military to-day in an open sail boat, carrying dis patches. They were unwilling to talk, and went immediately to the Russian consulate. A high wind enabled them to make a quick passage from Port Arthur.
The sail boat left Port Arthur last night under cover of a snow storm, and

The sail boat left Port Arthur last night under cover of a snow storm, and had a terripic experience in crossing. The men were nearly frozen when they made this port, and were unable to leave the boat without assistance. The Russians brought a large number of dispatches.

Passengers who arrived here to-day from the Kwangtung poninsula confirm the truffulness of the official Japanese reports of the sinking of various Russian ships recently at Port Arthur. They say the Japanese ownid have been able to accomplish this in the past two months, but apparently preferred to use their guns against the Russian military forces. It is believed the destruction of the Russian hattless the fortress. The Japanese lost three torpedo boats within the past month by mines, the last one sinking during the night attack of December 14th on the Russian battlesship Sevastopol.

The fighting during which 203 Metre Hill was captured was terrific, that achievement alone costing the Japanese 1200 men. The Japanese lave been unable to occupy the hill except for observation. They have taken none of the main forts. Three steamers laden with ammunition and provisions ran the blockade of Port Arthur in the past fortnight, and there are high hopes that the fortress will hold out for many months. The Japanese are alleged to be depressed at their unsuccessful sacrifice of lives.

### Stoessel Wounded Again.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—General Stoessel, the Russian military commander at Port Arthur, according to a dispatch from Che Foo to the Dally Telegraph, has again been wounded. This time it was by a rifle bullet. The correspondent said that the wound is not serious.

### WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE CONDITIONS

TRADE CONDITIONS

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, December 16.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say:

Trade, crep and industrial conditions are mainly favorable, and with secsonable activity in retail and holiday distribution in most sections, the year is drawing to its close with a decidedly cheerful tone pervading most lines of business effort. The area in winter wheat will not equal that planted a year ago, and conditious on December 1st were low; but since the government report was issued, the Western drought has been fairly well broken by rains and snow. Cold weather has stimulated heavy dry goods, clothing and footwear, and helped reorder business with jobbers Bais, West and North. Exceptions to reports of widespread activity in holiday distribution came from the Pacific coast and from portions of the South, which latter raports cotton marketing slower and collections turdier. Flenteous supplies of cheap money render the holding of cotton easier than in other years. Industry as a whole is active, iron and steel notably so; but building trades feel seasonably quieting influences, and cotton manufacturing is not active in all its branches. Railway earnings for November show gains in gross exceeding 9 per cent.

Business failures for the week end December 15th number 239, against in the like week in 1900.

In the like week in 1903.

Property Transfers.

Richmond: Patrick Woodson to Philip F. Toiser, 15 feet on west line of St. James Street, between Baker and Charlty Streets, \$900.

Special Commissioners Cutchins and Lewis to Mildren C. Johnson, 20 feet on north side of Cabell Street, between Tyler and Hickory Streets, \$27.78.

Walter S. Upshur and wife to John A. Upshur and Mary Upshur Harvey, 22 foot on east side of Twelfth Street, between Clay and Leiks Etreets, subject to deed of trust of \$1,180; \$1.

The People's Building Loan and Trust Company to James T. Sloan and George D. Pearmon, 20 feet on west side of St. Paul Street, 10 feet south of Coutts Street, and 20 feet, on the west side of St. Paul Street, 10 feet south of Coutts Street, \$1,100.

John Sloan and wife to F. B. Schaaf, 16 feet on the east line of Third Street, 187 feet south of Duval Street, \$300.

Special Commissioner James E. Cannon to L. Z. Morris, 21-6 feet on north line of Broad Street, northeast corner of Browe Street, \$1,107.

Special Commissioner William E. Crawford to Louis Z. Morris, 40 feet on north line of Marshall Street, northwest corner of Fourteenth Street, \$10.

Mitchell, 30 feet on south line of Fairmount Avenue, southeast corner of Twentieth Street, \$400.

John Adam and wife to W. Floyd Reams, 33 feet on the Eastern Park Drivo, \$61-4 feet, south ord Drival Street and adjacent to Chimborazo Park, \$1,235.

### Not a Punch Bowl.

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir-I see in your paper of this date a copy of the article on the so-called punch bowl. of Thomas Jefferson, now owned by W. J. Bryan. A cut of his "bowl" accompanied the description in the New York Sun of December lith. Any old Virginian must at once recognize it as a picture of a marble mortar with pestle in it, two things the country house in Virginia always possessed in old times, and they were used to crush and pulverize lonf sugar when needed for cakemaking, etc.; also to powder spices and black pepper. In those faraway days none of the present, "ready-prepared sugar, spices, etc., were to be bought. I have in my storetoom, one of these through several generations, and it could well have stood for the picture published as of Mr. Jefferson's punch bowl.

The Ralelgh Post advises cotton raisers

The Raleigh Post advises cotton raisers to hold their cotton, and says:

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12:06 noon-Week Days-Byrd St. Through.

4:00 P. M.-Week Days-Byrd St. Fredericks-burg Accommodition.

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6:09 P. M.-Week Days-Eiba Ahland Ascommodation.

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